

What we aim to achieve in Religious education.

Intent

At St. Jude's, Religious Education underpins every action we take. Through the use of the Diocesan scheme of work 'Learning and Growing as people of God' pupils have access to a graduated and clear programme of study that builds year on year. Children in Early Years and KS1 gain knowledge of the Catholic faith through understanding important Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus. They learn to understand the importance of the Mass and that each of us is unique, special and made in God's image. In KS2 children build on this clear foundation, deepening their understanding through knowledge of scripture and exploring how their faith is relevant in their daily lives. Our children are encouraged to grow in faith, with a strong sense of spirituality and a firm moral compass that will prepare them for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Religious Education at Saint Jude's



What does RE look like at St. Jude's?

Implementation

RE lessons are based around a chosen topic or subject matter, for example 'The Mass' or 'Jesus the Teacher.' For each of these topics the children learn and are assessed using three aspects. The first is AT1: Knowledge and Understanding or 'learning about'. This part of the learning focusses on what we can learn from the Bible and the Church's teachings on the subject matter. The second aspect, AT2, is Engagement and Response or 'learning from.' This part of the learning hones in on what we can transfer from the teaching into our daily lives and the exploration of our own beliefs and values. Children in UKS2 only, will further be assessed at AT3: Analysis and Evaluation. Here the pupils will use sources to support a point of view; express a point of view and give reasons for it; arrive at judgements; recognise difference, comparing and contrasting different points of view. Additionally, our children gain an understanding and appreciation of other major world religions throughout the academic year. In the Summer term the children focus on an alternative religion and thoroughly enjoy participating in practical lessons that show what it is like to be part of another faith community. Each academic year, schools across the diocese focus on one jointly agreed, specific topic that will be the focus of assessment. Judgements are validated through internal and external moderation.

The skills and knowledge we develop in R.E.

Impact

Through our R.E. lessons we develop our ability to be close to God. We gain knowledge from the Bible of how key figures in Catholicism were able to be close to God and how we can replicate this in our daily lives. Additionally, we develop skills such as the ability to always show kindness to others; to show faith even during difficult times and to do charitable work to help those that are less fortunate than ourselves. Using the Birmingham Diocesan Catholic School Pupils Profile, we examine sets of values and virtues which allow us to explore ourselves and develop skills and qualities for life. · Children reflect on what they learn about Catholic Social Teaching and apply this to their daily lives.

